

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The Applicant wishes to clarify that the amendments to the specification filed on May 23, 2005 pertain to the first full paragraph of page 11 and not the second paragraph. Please amend the first full paragraph on page 11 of the specification as follows:

In any event, locking mechanism 42 includes a housing 44 having a cylindrical interior and an axial opening 46 of generally rectangular cross-section sized that forms an entryway for latch portion 24. Thus, locking head 40 can receive latch portion ~~26~~24 to define an engaged state. A lock core 48 may be received in the interior of housing 44 and held in position by means of a pin 50 through bore 52. Lock core 48 is key operable and is of standard construction as is known in the art so as to be actuated by a key, such as tubular key 54. Thus, locking head 40 has a peripheral head surface 41 and a transverse outer head face 56 that is opposite axial opening 46 in inner transverse head face 47, and face 56 has a keyway 58 sized for insertion of key 54 therein so that lock core 48 may be rotated relative to housing 44.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 12 of the specification as follows:

With reference to Figures 9 and 10, it may be seen that locking head 40 is received in head cover 80 with latch head 28 being in an engaged state therewith so that outer surface margin 26 of shank portion 20 is adjacent locking head 40. In Figure 9, cap member 92 is in an open position, but may be moved to a closed position, as is shown in Figure ~~9~~10 wherein cap portion 92 snap locks onto a ridge 96 formed at an edge of skirt 82.